

**Motacilla flava thunbergi** Billberg. Greyheaded Yellow Wagtail.

A flock of some six birds seen on the beach at Bitra. One could get quite close to these birds.

**Zosterops palpebrosa** (Temminck). White-eye.

Seen at Kavraithi, Agathy, and Chetlat. Very common on the first two islands roosting on shrubs (introduced) 4 to 5 feet from the ground.

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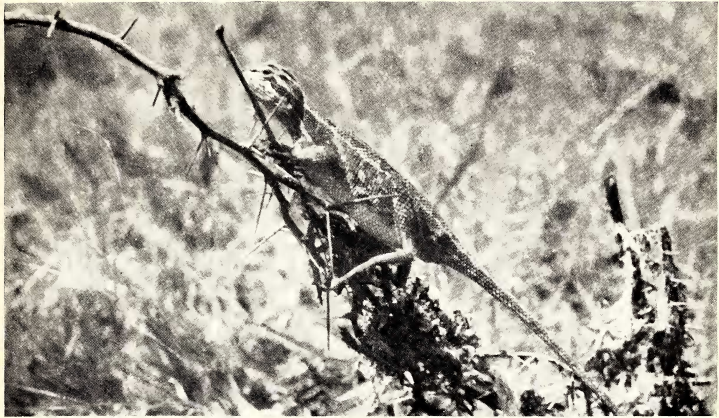
### 7. OBSERVATIONS ON THE EGG-LAYING OF THE FANTHROATED LIZARD, *SITANA PONTICERIANA* CUV.

(With two plates)

On 20 August 1963 three Fantthroated Lizards, *Sitana ponticeriana* Cuv., were collected from Vetral Hill, about 3 km. west of Poona. They were kept under observation in a cage made of a wooden box covered with netting and lined with a layer of soil and two or three stones. They were fed with spiderlings, cockroaches, and other small insects. Two of the lizards were adult males and the third a gravid female. One of the males was continually fanning its gular appendage, an act of courtship peculiar to this species.

On the 29th morning at about 10 hours 30 min. the female started digging a hole with its forelimbs, shovelling the earth backward with its hindlimbs. By 11 hours 10 min. the hole was about 3 in. deep (Plate I, 2). Then straddling the hole she laid her first egg at 11 hours

*Sitana ponticeriana* Cuv.



1. Female basking on a twig



2. Female digging pit with forelimbs

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